

Responsibilities

An assignment to any practicum site carries with it the following responsibilities:

1. Student clinicians are expected to conform to all rules, regulations, and policies followed by regular employees of the practicum site(s).
2. Student clinicians should familiarize themselves with the Code of Ethics and the Certification Standards of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (see Appendix B) and conduct themselves in a professional manner in all activities relating to the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences and/or the practicum sites to which they are assigned.
3. The student clinician is expected to present an acceptable, professional appearance when involved in clinical or clinically related activities. Jeans, sun dresses, shorts, and other obviously casual attire are not acceptable in most practicum sites. Students should always discuss appropriate clinical attire with their supervisors. Students should remain odor-neutral while in clinical activities. Many clients have allergies or neurological conditions which are adversely affected by perfumes, after-shave lotion, hair spray, etc.
4. The student clinician is expected to respect client confidentiality at all times and is cautioned to refrain from discussing clients and/or other professionals, except in conferences or classes.
5. The student clinician must be prompt, well prepared in advance, and show initiative concerning clinical responsibilities. They are reminded that professionalism includes demeanor and attitude.
6. The student clinician should be aware that the supervisor's responsibilities are to ensure appropriate patient or client care and to educate a competent professional; suggestions, criticisms, etc., should not be taken personally, but rather reflected upon objectively and implemented.
7. If a student clinician believes that his/her academic background is weak or lacking in an area or areas, it is his/her responsibility to fill in the gaps through reading, asking pertinent questions, etc. The Supervisor will be pleased to provide the student with bibliographical references and suggestions.
8. The student clinician must keep an accurate record of all clinical practicum clock hours and level of supervision earned at off-campus placements using the same forms as are used for recording clock hours for on-campus (DSHS) practicum.